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DE 40 19 411 A1 discloses that an automatic lock (6) is used for opening the door, which can be operated hydraulically, pneumatically, mechanically or by other means and is positioned inside the appliance housing (1). The adjusting plunger (5) is fitted at the door. The lock can be additionally opened by hand using a command unit by an automatic command unit, a computer or similar. Upon opening of the door (3), a door contact switch (7) interrupts the current supply to the control lead and a second door limit switch (8) is arranged as a safety unit in the control lead of the automatic lock. The illumination cable (9) for the inside light (12), which is arranged in the door (3), is laid in the door hinge joint. The baking chamber geometry in the front part of the housing (1) is designed so that a door gasket (2) can be inserted without difficulty.

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